Muradnagar with a capacity of 840 MW is also being set up. A provision of Rs. 100 crores has been tentatively provided for this project in the VII Plan. Delhi is also expected to get shares from the Central station being set up in the Northern Region.

Mini and Micro Hydro Power Units

638. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be state:

(a) whether Government propose to give priority to the setting up of mini and micro hydro power units in the country; and

(b) what so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The development of mini| micro|small hydro-electric schemes is being emphasised, particularly to meet the power requirements of remote areas. The Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 has been amended to enable the State authorities to take up implementation of such schemes costing less than Rs. 5 crore without approval of the Central Electricity Authority. At present, 78 small/mini, micro schemes with an aggregate capacity of about 170 MW are under construction.

गुजरात में पेट्रोलियम का उत्पादन

639. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खनिज तेलों और पेट्रोलियम के उत्पादन में गुजरात का राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कितने प्रतिशत योगदान है ;

(ख) क्या कच्छ, मेहसाणा, खम्भात आदि में नये अन्वेषण किये गये हैं, और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार गुजरात में उत्पादित प्राकृतिक गैस की रसोई गैस में बदलने की किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक क्रियान्वित किय जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) : (क) वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान, कूड तेल के उत्पादन का लगभग 14 प्रतिशत गुजरात से प्राप्त होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(ख) 13 भू-कम्पीय सर्वेक्षण पार्टियां लगाई गई हैं। चालू वर्ष के दौरान छः नई संरचनाओं में अन्वेषी ब्यथन का कार्य आरम्भ किया गया है।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) अंकलेश्वर परियोजना से 1986-87 के दौरान एल०पी०जी० का उत्पादन आरम्भ होने की आशा है ?

Raw material for Paper Industry

640. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the paper industry's demand for raw material was met from within the country and by imports, separately, during the year 1985 as compared to the demand met during the year 1984;

(b) what is the extent of increase in the production capacity of the paper industry during the last three years, year-wise, and what is the actual capacity utilisation by the end of 1985; and

(c) what is the estimated increase in the demand for raw material with the increase in the production capacity and what measures have been taken by Government to augment the indigenous supply by producing larger quantity of raw material and to reduce imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.

ARUNACHALAM): (a) Exact figures of the imported raw material utilised by the paper industry during the years 1984 and 1985 are not available. However,the consumption of imported wood pulp/waste paper by the industry is estimated at 15—20 per cent of the total requirement of raw material.

(b) The installed capacity, production and capacity utilisation of the industry during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Installed capacity	Production	Capacity utilisation
1983	19·15	11·78	61·5%
1984	21·65	13·71	63·3%
1985	23·50	15·00 (estimated)	63·4%

(c) The industry utilises various types of raw material for manufacture of paper and paper board such as wood, agricultural residues, waste paper, etc. The extent of demand for raw material would therefore depend on the type of raw material used. In order to augment the availability of raw material for the industry, import of pulp, waste paper and woodchips is permitted under OGL free of customs levies. Excise concessions have been extended for manufacture of paper and paper board based on bagasse and other unconventional raw materials. The Industry is also being encouraged to take up captive plantations.

Extending provisions of MRTP Act to Public Sector Companies

641. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain consumer organisations in the country have urged the Central Government to extend the provisions of the MRTP Act to the Public Sector Companies also and that whether at a Seminar on 'unfair trade practices and consumer protection' held in Delhi in December, 1985, a similar demand was made;

(b) if so, whether in view of the fact that MRTP Act is a watchdog of consumer interests, Government propose to extend its provisions to public sector undertakings and to the Co-operative organisations which are no less prone to indulging in unfair trade practices; and

(c) if so, what is the decision taken in this regard and if the answer is in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. However, in a Seminar on Consumer Protection held in Delhi on 20th and 21st January, 1986, which was also attended by certain Consumer Organisations, a suggestion had been made for bringing the Public Sector Undertakings within the purview of MRTP Act, 1969.

(b) and (c) Although various suggestions for protecting the interests of the Consumer are presently under consideration of the Government, no final decision has been taken in this behalf.

Non-Existent Biogas Plants

642. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of biogas plants set up under the aegis of the KVIC so far actually do not exist and scarce commodities like cement and steel have been distributed by the KVIC to the non-existent biogas plants;